

Commissioner to charge any fees associated with any such additional petition to the Deposit Account identified herein.

2. The Notice indicated that the oath or declaration is unsigned. A signed oath or declaration and appropriate fee are included herewith.

3. The Notice noted that there are "Figure(s) 4A, 4C, 7A, and 7B in the specification" but that "there is no figure label as Fig. 4A, 4C, 7A, and 7B when submitted upon filing." On the basis of that observation, the Notice indicated that the figures were not appropriately labeled and that replacement drawings should be filed. This Preliminary Amendment requested herein eliminates the references in the specification to the Figures not included in the drawings. It is respectfully submitted that with this amendment the application is in conformance with applicable regulations and in proper form for examination.

4. Applicant respectfully requests that this applicant be assigned to an examiner placed in sequence for examination in due course and allowance.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace paragraph [0015] with the following:

[0015] FIG. 4A is a top view of a planter drum.

Delete paragraph [0016].

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Delete paragraph [0017].

Replace paragraph [0023] with the following:

[0023] FIG. 7 is a ~~side~~ view of a traction wheel travel stop.

Delete paragraph [0024].

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Replace paragraph [0047] with the following:

[0001] FIG. 4, ~~FIG. 4A, and FIG. 4B~~ illustrates planter drum 114 mechanism in one embodiment. Planter drum mechanism comprises a two-part cylindrical drum 115, spoked web 116, hub 117, plant carrier flights 122, together with air nozzle mount 118, air nozzle 71, and air supply hose 58. Air nozzle mount 118 is rotatably mounted on drum shaft 5, 13 so that angle of air nozzle 71 relative to a level position is adjustable through range of travel of clamp plate 123, and is secured in place to frame bar 119 by lock bolt 120. Two parts of cylinder drum 115 are separated by a narrow circumferential slot 121. Slot 121 is provided for passage of air from nozzle 71 to plant carrier flights 122, and in the preferred embodiment, divides cylindrical drum 115 into two parts, longer part being approximately three-fourths of total length, shorter part being approximately one fourth of total length. Two parts of cylindrical drum 115 are connected by multiple plant carrier flights 122, flights being secured to both cylinder parts by welding, bolting or other suitable means. Planter drum mechanism 114 is mounted on rotatable shaft 5, 13 and secured

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from rotation relative to shaft by keyway and setscrew or other acceptable means.

Replace paragraph [0055] with the following:

[0055] FIG. 7, ~~FIG. 7A, and FIG. 7B~~ illustrates in one embodiment traction wheel arm 50, which is pivotally mounted to mainframe rail 30 by mount 29, bearings 74 and axle 45. In the embodiment depicted, link chain 46 is securely attached to arm 50 by welding or other suitable means. Fender support post 28 is provided with keyhole cutout 81, cutout being of a diameter sufficiently large to allow easy passage of chain through it. Cutout is provided with connected slot of correct width and length to accept and retain single link of chain 46.

Examination in due course and allowance of the application as amended is requested.

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